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# Ontario's sinking feeling

**$308 BILLION**
NET DEBT EXPECTED THIS YEAR

THE PROVINCE

## Ottawa LRT among city projects listed in budget

**Haley Ritchie**
Metro | Ottawa

Free tuition for low-income students and funding for Ottawa's light-rail project — along with net debt clocking in at $308 billion this year — are some of the big-ticket items in the Ontario Liberal government's latest budget.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson welcomed Thursday's provincial budget, saying it "sets the stage for a continued partnership for making our community stronger in Ottawa."

"Stage Two LRT was mentioned specifically in the budget documents and I'm pleased to see that it remains a priority for our provincial partners," he said.

The city is looking for $1 billion each from the federal and provincial governments for the second stage of its light-rail project, which would extend the network from Bayshore to Orleans and south to Riverside South.

The mayor says he remains optimistic the province will come up with its share in the next year or year-in-a-half.

"I have no reason to doubt that the province will not be there with the full $1-billion dollar request," Watson said.

Beyond money for light rail, Ontario's budget included free tuition for students from families who make less than $50,000.

The provincial Liberals also plan to introduce a cap-and-trade system aimed at reducing Ontario's greenhouse-gas emissions — but which will also increase the cost of gas across the province.

That plan won the approval of Ottawa's mayor, who says he also hopes to tap into to some of the money the province plans to spend on housing for projects in the capital.

**$52 BILLION**
Funds for Ottawa schools

The government intends to spend $52 million to build two new schools in Ottawa and to retrofit or build additions on four others. This will include 78 new child-care spaces.

Meanwhile, the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre in Ottawa will get $1.5 million for a new, 30-bed facility.

The city is also looking to the province to help pay for its initiatives to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday in 2017, Watson said.

"Ottawa will be one of the first at the table to pitch our programs and seek funding for our programs for 2017 initiatives," he said.

Yet the budget also contained a far more sobering figure: Net debt continues to swell. It is expected to grow to $308 billion this year — which works out to $22,000 per Ontarian.

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City staff want to update the **"allocation policy"** to make room for new groups to book rinks, fields and ball diamonds. METRO FILE

# New policy on rinks doesn't cut all the ice

RECREATION

## Minor hockey league express concerns over historical plan

**Lucy Scholey**
Metro | Ottawa

Minor hockey league officials say a historical new city policy on arena bookings may cost parents more in registration fees.

The city wants to update the rec and sports "allocation policy" to make room for new groups to book rinks, sports fields and ball diamonds. Under the current rules, these bookings are based on historical use from one season to the next.

But as more new teams —including many more for girls — vie for bookings, they're coming up short. The city is looking to smooth over "inequities" in the system. To do that, staff are proposing a new policy that puts more weight on the level of need, the number of participants and their proximity to facilities.

At the community and protective services committee on Thursday, Coun. Diane Deans, who chairs the committee, called it a "historical day" for sports in the city.

But Denis Dumais, president of Hockey Eastern Ontario Minor, takes issue with the proposed new arena cancellation fees. If approved, an organization that does not return ice within 30 days would not get a refund. This could complicate booking last-minute ice time for playoff hockey, he said.

"It's $300 an hour for private ice. That's an impact on parents. It's an impact on taxpayers," he said. "I realize that returning ice at the last minute is an impact on the city, so we need to work at that."

> **It's $300 an hour for private ice. That impacts parents.**
> Denis Dumais

About 16,000 kids play minor hockey in Ottawa, including 600 girls. It costs about $500 to register, although that varies between associations. Staff say 15 per cent of the city's ice sat vacant last year, which costs taxpayers. Cost estimates were not available on Thursday.

If approved at council, the new policy will go into effect for arenas by the fall and fields and ball diamonds by spring 2017.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## $30K for another week at the beach

Should Ottawa's supervised beaches open earlier in June, later in September, or both?

This was the hot debate on a wet, snowy Thursday at a community and protective services committee.

After hearing complaints the city prematurely closed its supervised beaches last summer, staff drummed up ways to keep four sandy shores open on the cheap.

They suggested staggering the opening and closing dates: Westboro and Petrie Island beaches would be supervised from June 25 to Aug. 28, and Mooney's Bay and Britannia from June 18 to Aug. 21. But some councillors said this was not enough.

The current beach season lasts 58-65 days. It would cost the city about $30,000 to tack on another week of beach season in June or $16,000 for a weekend in the same month.

Knoxdale-Merivale Coun. Keith Egli said extending the beach season may be worth dipping into an unforeseen fund for the cash to do so.

"I don't even have a beach in my ward, but I think it's important we have operating beaches throughout the city and we keep them all open as long as we can," he said.

> **It's important we have operating beaches in the city.**
> Coun. Keith Egli

EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Dozen new medics may not be enough

A dozen new paramedics may not be enough to beef up the City of Ottawa's strained rural resources, according to the head of emergency services.

Anthony Di Monte, acting general manager of emergency and protective services, said 12 new paramedics will help cover the population growth levels in 2015 — but not in subsequent years.

In the beginning of 2015, there was an 11 per cent increase in the number of emergency calls compared to the previous year. For the most life-threatening calls, the response time dipped to 72.6 per cent, which is below the provincial 75 per cent target.

Rural councillors Eli El-Chantiry (West Carleton-March) and George Darouze (Osgoode) tabled a notice of motion calling for 12 new paramedics and four new emergency vehicles. Combined, it would cost about $1 million.

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ONTARIO'S 2016 BUDGET

# $133 BILLION

(spending plan)

## Finance Minister Charles Sousa delivered the Ontario budget Thursday. These are the highlights.

**$296.1 B**
**Net debt, present**

**$5.7 B**
**Budget deficit, 2015-16**
That's down from the last estimate of $7.5 billion.

**$308 B**
**Net debt, 2016-17**
That makes us the largest sub-national borrower in the world, costing $11.8 billion in interest payments.

**$4.6 B**
**Deficit, 2016-17**
The deficit would be reduced to zero the following fiscal year.

# 5 WAYS YOU'LL BE AFFECTED

### STUDENTS

**Good news**: Post-secondary students from low-income families stand to benefit the most from the fiscal plan. Starting in 2017-18, the province will create the Ontario Student Grant. Tuition will be free for students from families with incomes up to $50,000 who attend any college or university in Canada. More than half of students from families with incomes up to $83,000 will receive non-repayable grants that exceed the average tuition.

### CAP AND TRADE

**Good news:** Proceeds from cap-and-trade, designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, are projected to be $1.9 billion in 2017 — up from last year's projection of $1.3 billion — and will be used to invest in green projects and climate change initiatives.
**Bad news:** The average natural gas cost to households will increase $5 per month, while the price of gasoline will go up about $4.3 cents per litre, about $8 per month.

### CIGARETTES AND WINE

**Bad news:** The cost of cigarettes and wine is going up. There will be a $3 increase in the price of a carton of 200 cigarettes, effective Friday, and the tobacco tax will rise with inflation each year over the next five years. The minimum price for a bottle of wine rises to $7.95 over the next three years, and there will be a series of increases in the ad valorem tax on wine, starting with a two percentage point hike in June.

### HEALTH CARE

**Good news:** Hospital funding is increasing by $345 million. Of that, $130 million will be spent on cancer-care services and $75 million is earmarked for community-based residential hospices and palliative care. The government will also spend $333 million over five years on autism services.
**Bad news:** The Ontario Health Coalition and the Ontario Nurses' Association said the funding is a great step but isn't enough to make up for four years of frozen hospital budgets.

### SENIORS

**Good news:** Single seniors earning up to $19,300 a year will be eligible for cheaper drugs beginning August, compared with the previous threshold of $16,018. Couples with an income of up to $32,300 will also be eligible, where before only those earning $24,175 qualified. The costs will be offset by raising deductibles and co-payments for seniors above the new income thresholds.

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Cassandra Galbraith of Windsor Park Village may well become Ottawa's youngest licensed driver when she goes for her driver's licence test on her leap day birthday. In leap years, she will be turning four, though her mom will be putting 16 candles on Cassandra's birthday cake to mark her Sweet 16. ERIN MCCRACKEN/METROLAND MEDIA

# The oddest birthday

LEAP YEAR

## Youth ready to start driving at the age of four

When Cassandra Galbraith tests for her driver's licence in a matter of days, she'll likely become Ottawa's youngest driver.

"It's a possibility," she said with a laugh.

That's because she'll be turning just four years old in leap years, though she'll be celebrating her Sweet 16 on Feb. 29.

"It's nice to have a unique birthday," said Galbraith, who lives in Windsor Park Village south of the Hunt Club community. "When it's my actual birthday I can say, 'Oh, look, I have an actual birthday this year.' It's a lot more special."

Leap years are big in her house.

Every four years, the leapling's mom, Tracy, takes Cassandra on a big trip. This summer, they may jet off to Ireland to celebrate. Four years ago, the pair travelled to Cuba and four years before that they went to Disneyland.

In keeping with tradition, Galbraith said she chooses to celebrate her birthday in non-leap years on Feb. 28, rather than on March 1.

"I celebrate on the 28th because I feel I'd rather celebrate my birthday in the actual month I was born in," she said.

Her birth date also prompts a host of questions from friends and classmates at St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School in Riverside South.

"Everybody's like, 'Wait, you're how old?' That's always the first question I get asked," the Grade 11 student said with a chuckle in her voice. "I actually got asked once if I was able to get a driver's licence when I turn 16, considering I'm only four."

They also ask which date she celebrates her birthdays during non-leap years, as well as how she marks the special occasion.

She is planning to spend her actual leap day birthday this year with family and her best friend, Lovelyn, who lives across the street.

> When it's my actual birthday I can say, 'Oh, look, I have an actual birthday this year.' It's a lot more special. Cassandra Galbraith

The first time Cassandra met someone who shared the same unique birth date was last year. Her teacher asked students about their birthdays and Galbraith learned one of her classmates is also a leapling.

"It's funny because we were in the same science class last year, and when the teacher asked us about our birthdays and we both said 'leap day,' we both kind of got the same questions and we were looking at each other and laughing," Galbraith recalled.

People often remind her that though she will be turning another year older, in fact, she will never really catch up to others her age.

"That's another thing a lot of people tell me, 'You know what? You'll be young forever,'" she said with a laugh.

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WESTGATE SHOPPING CENTRE

## Rezoning would pave way for new mixed-use buildings

The first step in the transformation of Westgate Shopping Centre has landed on the city planning department's desk.

An Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendment has been filed on behalf of RioCan Management with the intent of turning the aging mall and parking lot into a high-density, mixed-use population centre.

A Dec. 16 public meeting allowed residents to inquire about the plan with city councillors and representatives from FoTenn Consultants, RioCan's applicant. Models of what the site would look like during the three main phases of construction — spread out over a period of 15 to 20 years — were available for viewing.

**1,146**

The number of residential units stated in RioCan's application, along with **8,230 square metres of commercial space.**

RioCan's application calls for site-specific zoning that would revise the arterial mainstreet zoning that's already in place. The company is seeking permits for a maximum height of 22 storeys for two buildings fronting on Carling Avenue, a maximum height of 36 storeys for buildings fronting onto Highway 417 (at the rear of the property), and a blended minimum parking rate for visitor and commercial parking.

In total, the redevelopment would contain 8,230 square metres of commercial space and 1,146 residential units.

The first phase of the development, which will eventually see the entire mall demolished, will remove the standalone restaurant at the corner of Carling and Merivale Road, replacing it with a mixed-use building within five years. The second phase would remove the portion of the mall at the southwest corner of the site with a similar development, within a five- to 10-year time frame. METROLAND MEDIA

### CORNWALL

**OPP car struck while stopped at collision**

A provincial police officer and the driver of another vehicle have been injured in a collision near Cornwall, Ont.

OPP say a marked cruiser was struck while stationary at the scene of another collision on Highway 401 in South Stormont Township late Wednesday night.

Police say the officer and an occupant of the other vehicle received minor injuries.

OPP say officers dealt with 72 calls for service, consisting of collisions, vehicles off roads and downed wires and trees during Wednesday's storm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# 5 THINGS TO DO IN OTTAWA THIS WEEKEND

Eat all the chocolate and jerk chicken you want, then burn it off riding snow bikes and snowshoeing under the stars — it's a perfect Oscars weekend in Ottawa. **HALEY RITCHIE** METRO

## 1 Snowshoeing under the stars (Friday)

Get outdoors and learn to snowshoe along the Ottawa River with Pinhey's Point Historic Site. Start your nature hike at 7 p.m. with a guide who will lead you to hot chocolate by an open fire afterwards. Space and snowshoes are limited, so contact Pinhey's Point Historic Site ahead of time. Cost is $6.15 per person.

## 2 Chocolate tour (Saturday)

If you missed the Ottawa Tea Guild's tea and chocolate pairing on Thursday night, you had better go straight to the source to get your chocolate fix this weekend. Hummingbird Chocolate in Almonte is hosting a factory tour on Saturday at 11 a.m. The tour is under an hour but make sure you save time for some tasting. Free tickets are available at hummingbirdchocolate.com/tours-events.

## 3 Goodbye Winter Family Cabin fête (Saturday)

It still looks a little slushy and cold to us — but think positive and bring your "cabin fever" to this kid-friendly winter sendoff at Lansdowne Park. On Saturday starting at 2 p.m. in the Horticulture Building, local DJs will be providing the soundtrack as you chow down on hot chocolate, tropical drinks, pancakes, jerk chicken, fried chicken and Caribbean delights. Tickets are $20, children 12 and under are free and you can even wear your PJs if you want to.

## 4 Fat bike race (Sunday)

Kick off Ski Tour Canada's Cross-Country Skiing World Cup on Sunday with Velofix Ottawa's snow bike race in Jacques-Cartier Park. The "no frills" competition will start at 3:30 p.m. The first biker to complete five laps of the 800-metre track wins. Register ahead to participate. If you're the type that only cycles in the summer, then come down to watch the free event.

## 5 Oscars parties

It's the 88th annual Academy Awards on Sunday night and a few different Ottawa events will satisfy your love of the silver screen. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the Mayfair Theatre's annual live telecast — complete with drinks and a red carpet. The event is only open to theatre members, but you can become one for $10. LIVE on Elgin is also holding their free "grey carpet" event starting at 7 p.m. with cocktails, heckling and ballots. The Ottawa International Film Festival will be holding another live screening at the Lieutenant's Pump on Elgin Street. Show up at 8 p.m. to order your beer, get a good seat and enter your best guesses for who will win.

CRIME

# Police ID latest murder victim

**Joe Lofaro**
Metro | Ottawa

Police have identified the victim of the city's fourth murder of the year — and the second in two days — as a 20-year-old Ottawa man.

Taylor Morrow-Flint was shot dead in the 80 block of Ritchie Street at around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Police have yet to make an arrest and are asking witnesses to come forward.

Two days ago, the Ottawa police major crime unit was called to the east end for a fatal stabbing of a male teenager at a park in Overbrook.

Police say 19-year-old Mohamed Ali Hassan was stabbed 18 times near King George Street Monday evening. Police arrested a 26-year-old man in that case and charged him with second-degree murder.

The two homicides are unrelated, according to police.

Her brother appeared to be friends with another man who was also killed on Ritchie Street more than two years ago. Malik "Shylock" Adjokatcher, an aspiring rapper with a criminal past, was shot and killed outside a rowhouse on May 24, 2013.

Last August Morrow-Flint uploaded a promotional photo of Adjokatcher's mixtape "Ladder to Success" to his own Facebook profile along with the message: "Feels like you were here yesterday i made it to were (sic) i am because of you."

Adjokatcher's death was on his mind as recent as last Thursday, when in one Facebook posting Morrow-Flint wrote "rip shylock."

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# High hopes for new play equipment

SCHOOL

## Clothing drive planned for Saturday

Prince of Peace Catholic elementary school's parent council is envisioning a whole new level of play for students in kindergarten to Grade 6.

The volunteers are beginning their quest to raise enough funds to cover the cost of two new play structures at the school, estimated at between $80,000 and $100,000.

The goal is to hopefully raise the money in the next couple of years and replace the school's current play structure, which dates back about two decades.

"The play structure is pretty old and we've been repairing it," said school principal Stephen Gay. "It's a rather small play structure."

At this time, primary students in kindergarten to Grade 3 are only allowed to play on it.

But with two new — and larger — structures, the primary kids will be able to play on one while Grade 4 to 6 students will be able to have fun on the other.

"It'll be great for the kids," said Gay, who is in his fourth year as principal. "It gives them a lot of opportunity for exercise and creative play outside, and they need that."

The school certainly has the room for the new additions within a massive fenced yard.

> **It gives them a lot of opportunity for exercise and creative play outside, and they need that.**
> Stephen Gay

The task now is to raise the funds.

"The board does give us a small amount compared to the overall price, so they do help," Gay said.

"Then the council or the school needs to raise the remainder."

Parents were polled in December to gauge how they would like the parent committee to spend the money it does generate. Most of the comments supported new play equipment for the school yard, said Gay.

The council is no stranger to fundraisers, having held them in the past to pay for new books for reading programs, Christmas hampers for families, field trips, such as a visit to the National Arts Centre to take in a symphony performance, as well as iPads and Chromebooks for student use and other high-tech gadgets for classrooms.

The committee is also helping to offset the cost of the school's first ski field trip this winter.

But now the group of volunteers is looking to hold larger-scale events to generate more dollars.

Spurred on by their quest to give their playground fund a big boost, the council will host its inaugural clothing drive on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at two sites: St. Patrick's Catholic High School at 2525 Alta Vista Dr., and at the Albion-Heatherington Community Centre, located at 1560 Heatherington Rd.

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Stephen Gay, principal of Prince of Peace Catholic elementary school, stands near the school's aging play structure. **The Prince of Peace parent council is working to raise funds for two new replacement structures for the school.** ERIN MCCRACKEN/METROLAND MEDIA


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# Back to jail for Bantleman

INDONESIA

## High court overturns acquittal of schoolteacher

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion said the Canadian government "is deeply dismayed and shocked" by an Indonesian Supreme Court decision to overturn the acquittal of Canadian schoolteacher Neil Bantleman.

In its decision, the high court also ordered both Bantleman and an Indonesian teaching assistant to serve 11 years in prison instead of the 10 years they initially received for sexually abusing three young children at a prestigious international school in Jakarta.

Bantleman and Ferdinant Tijong were sentenced in April 2015 but maintained their innocence and filed appeals to the High Court, which acquitted them last August.

Supreme Court spokesman Suhadi said a three-member judge panel handed down its verdict on Wednesday based on the prosecutors' appeal.

"The judge panel concluded that the defendants were proven to have violated the 2007 Child Protection Law," said Suhadi, who uses a single name. "It did not only reinstate the District Court's verdict but also lengthened the sentence to 11 years."

The pair were also ordered to pay a $7,440 fine each or to serve six more months in jail.

Under Indonesian law, both Bantleman and Tijong still could challenge the sentence by filing for judicial review by the Supreme Court if they have new evidence.

"This decision is unjust, given the many grave irregularities throughout the various proceedings in this case and the fact that all evidence presented by the defence has systematically been rejected," Dion said in a statement early Thursday.

Chandra Saptaji, head of the general crime section at the South Jakarta Prosecutors' Office, said they are still looking for Bantleman, who is under a ban to leave the country. "Hopefully, he is co-operative and complying with Indonesia law."

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**In happier times: Canadian schoolteacher Neil Bantleman and wife Tracy** after his release from Jakarta's Cipinang prison on Aug. 14, 2015. Bantleman has been ordered back to jail after his acquittal was overturned on Feb. 25. ROMEO GACAD/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

APPEAL

## What's next

The Indonesian Supreme Court has overturned the acquittal of Neil Bantleman in a decision that has "stunned" the Canadian schoolteacher's family.

**What's his next legal step?**

Bantleman's brother, Guy, says the family will apply for a judicial review at the Supreme Court. Papang Hidayat, an Indonesia-based researcher with Amnesty International, has said a judicial review can be granted if the defence has new evidence to present. That evidence would be heard by a different panel of Supreme Court judges — usually three — than the ones who heard the case previously.

**How about an appeal to the president?**

A convicted person can appeal directly to the president of Indonesia for clemency, Hidayat said, "but it's very rare, actually, for ordinary cases like this" for the president to get involved at all. Article 14 of the Indonesian Constitution gives the president the power to grant "clemency and restoration of rights" to prisoners after getting advice from the Supreme Court. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BIRTHDAYS

# Leap-year babies face myriad annoyances

It's rare for Laura Pedersen to celebrate a birthday on the day she was actually born. The only thing less common for her is hassle-free paperwork.

Her status as a leap-year baby ensures that genuine birthday festivities are only possible once every four years. That same Feb. 29 birth date also creates day-to-day hassles that are all too common.

Online application forms insist leap day doesn't exist. Official insurance forms document the wrong birthday. And no matter what administrative process she's trying to tackle, she inevitably faces questions as to whether she was, in fact, born on leap day.

"We got married this past summer ... and when I wrote my birthday down, the commissioner asked me several times: 'You're sure that it's Feb. 29, right?'" Pedersen said.

Skepticism about a Feb. 29 birthday is widespread, according to one organization that was formed in part to combat it.

The Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies was created in 1997 not only to celebrate the unusual date, but to raise awareness of the challenges associated with it and to advocate for those affected by such hassles.

Co-founder Peter Brouwer will celebrate his 15th leap day birthday in Vancouver this year — he'll be 60, for those who struggle with multiplication. He says inconveniences caused by corporate or technological failure to recognize the day has resulted in serious problems for decades for leapers.

Leapers have experienced everything from webpage shutdowns to halted banking transactions due to the lack of familiarity with the date by authorities. He even recalled a society member who was accused of using a falsified driver's licence because of his date of birth.

The society mounted a few tongue-in-cheek campaigns along with more serious efforts to have companies reappraise their efforts to accommodate leapers.

Brouwer said recent years have seen a decisive shift in leapers' favour. "I think things have really improved," he said. "I have not had a problem entering Feb. 29 anywhere since I can remember."

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### LEAPERS FUN FACTS

**Ever wondered why we have leap year? Here are a few facts to bring you up to speed:**

**Why do leap years exist?**

Leap year is the reason that seasons occur at the same time each year. According to the Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies, the Earth takes 365.24 days to make a complete cycle around the sun. Every four years, therefore, the world would be a full day out of sync with the calendar.

**How does it work?**

According to Irv Bromberg at the University of Toronto, "the Gregorian calendar has a 400-year repeat cycle, in which every year number divisible by four (2016, for example) has a leap day appended to February, except if the year number is divisible by 100, in which case it is a leap year only if the year number is also divisible by 400." For instance, the year 2000 was a leap year, while 1900 was not. Got that?

BEER

# Molson brews 1908 ale from old recipe

Molson Coors Canada says it's offering a limited release pale ale brewed from a 108-year-old recipe found deep in the company's archives.

Molson Coors says John H.R Molson and Bros. 1908 Historic Pale Ale was created to celebrate its 230 years of brewing in Canada.

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The company says its brewmasters "worked tirelessly" to authentically recreate the pale ale of 1908, right down to the most minute details.

"We sat down with malsters, barley and hops breeders from across the globe to identify the correct ingredients to mix with Molson's ancient ale yeast derived from the same primordial strand John Molson used in the 1700s," said brewmaster Keith Armstrong.

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HOUSING

# Canadians feel the real-estate squeeze: Poll

**Thandi Fletcher**
Metro | Vancouver

Nearly half of people living in urban Canada say they're being squeezed by the cost of real estate, even in cities where prices pale in comparison to Vancouver and Toronto's sky-high markets, results of a new poll show.

Fifty-six per cent of Canadians, including those living in smaller real estate markets say housing prices in their neighbourhoods fall outside of what's "reasonable," according to an Angus Reid Institute poll.

In Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Montreal and Halifax, no fewer the 45 per cent of respondents view prices as either "high" or "unreasonably high," the poll results show. According to January data from the Canadian Real Estate Association, the percentage of people who feel that way also roughly mirrors the actual average cost of a home in each city.

**56%**

Inclusive of homebuyers living in smaller markets, **56 per cent** say housing prices fall outside what's "reasonable."

Earlier this month, the federal government introduced new mortgage rules that require homebuyers to put down larger down payments for properties over $500,000. The changes are intended to temper some of the country's heated real estate markets, especially targeting markets like Vancouver and Toronto where there are more properties worth $500,000 or more, according to the government.

While it remains to be seen if that actually happens, the poll results reveal that seven per cent of Canadians say the new rules would make them less likely to buy property this year.

The online survey of 5,867 Canadian adults who are members of the Angus Reid Forum was conducted between Feb. 2 and 10. The survey has a margin of error of 1.3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. Another survey of 1,513 Angus Reid Forum members was conducted Feb. 15 and has a margin of error of 2.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

FATALITIES

# Mumbai creates 16 selfie-free zones

Look around in any major Indian city, and you will find someone with an arm outstretched, mobile phone in hand, smiling widely and clicking away. Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embraced the medium, posting pictures online he's snapped with various world leaders.

But the pursuit of the most epic selfie can have lethal consequences.

India is home to the highest number of people who have died while taking photos of themselves, with 19 of the world's 49 recorded selfie-linked deaths since 2014, according to San Francisco-based data service provider Priceonomics.

The statistic may in part be due to India's sheer size, with 1.25 billion citizens and one of the world's fastest-growing smartphone markets. Alarmed by the trend, Mumbai has declared 16 no-selfie zones across the city, as authorities warn people against taking unnecessary risks.

Earlier this month, an 18-year-old college student on a class picnic lost his balance while taking a selfie atop a rock near a dam near the central Indian city of Nashik. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Indian family takes a photo on Mumbai's coastline.
RAFIQ Å/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEVERE WEATHER

# Midwest buffeted by storm systems

Tornadoes tore through towns as far north as Pennsylvania, heavy snow cancelled hundreds of flights in the Midwest and power outages left tens of thousands of residents from the Carolinas to New England in the dark as severe weather raked across a broad swath of the country for a third day.

The storms Wednesday claimed at least a half-dozen lives, three of them in the tiny town of Waverly, Virginia, where a 2-year-old child and two men, ages 50 and 26, were killed during the storm, said Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller. Their bodies were found about 300 yards from their mobile home.

At least five structures were damaged in the town of approximately 2,000 and roads leading into town had to be closed because of downed trees and debris tossed by winds gusting to 60 mph, Geller said.
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# Court OKs razing of migrant camp

FRANCE

## State to evict hundreds of refugees from site near Calais

A French court gave the state the green light Thursday to raze makeshift tents and leantos used by hundreds of migrants at a sprawling slum in Calais, where many dream of slipping into Britain.

Tamping down fears of a violent confrontation, France's interior minister promised to treat the migrants humanely and not send in bulldozers to evict them.

The camp in the northern port city, known as "the Jungle," - has been an embarrassing chapter in Europe's migrant crisis, and France announced this month that its densely populated southern half would be razed. The move prompted rights groups and migrant advocates to sue.

The court in Lille ruled that the makeshift shelters used by the migrants can be destroyed, but that common spaces like places of worship, schools and a library must be left standing.

Calais' prime location, with a major ferry port, Eurotunnel rail system and truck traffic crossing the English Channel, has put it in the crosshairs of the migrant crisis. Weary travellers come driven by a dream that they will find peace and prosperity in English-speaking Britain. Lacking any papers, they have to sneak across the Channel, and at least 20 migrants have died trying since late June.

Officials say moving migrants out of the Calais slum will be a better solution for all, since many have been languishing in poverty and hopelessness after nearby borders have been sealed by increasing security. Officials estimate the number of migrants who will be affected at 800 to 1,000, while humanitarian organizations say over 3,000 migrants live there. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 A man talks on the phone in the "Jungle," a migrant and refugee camp in Calais. On Thursday, a French court gave the green light to plans to evacuate hundreds of migrants from the notorious makeshift camp. DENIS CHARLET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

2 A child rides his bicycle in a makeshift camp for migrants. In November, the state said the number of minors without families in the camp was 326. JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 A Pakistani migrant selling cigarettes stands in his shop in the "Jungle." DENIS CHARLET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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# Gravity does the wave

**Nice job, Einstein.** It's been a century since the super-smart physicist predicted the existence of **gravitational waves,** and three weeks since scientists announced they've directly detected them for the first time. It took us that long to stretch and warp our minds enough to understand how it is that space and time can be stretched and warped. Turns out this once-in-a-lifetime discovery is not as complicated, and way cooler, than it seems: It's a potential new tool to observe more of "what's out there" than we've ever dreamed of seeing before.

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**WE NEVER DOUBTED YOU, AL**
In 1916, Einstein hypothesized that a massive explosion of energy — like, say, two black holes colliding 1.3 billion light years away — would send out shock ripples called **gravitational waves,** jiggling the fabric of space and time. He was right. A little over a billion years later, those waves jiggled the earth. Just the tiniest bit: by less than the width of an atom. And in September 2015, researchers at the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) measured that motion.

2

**HOW DID THEY DO IT?**
With ginormous lasers — plus a lot of other complex instruments and powerful computers — arranged identically in Louisiana and Washington State so they can check each other's work. Here's how it works: One laser beam is split into two beams travelling away from each other at a 90-degree angle. Each beam travels straight ahead for four kilometres, and then is bounced off a mirror. The two halves of the beam meet up again and merge into one. If a gravitational wave passes through, the mirrors wobble in a very specific way that scientists can see by analysing the recombined beam. And that's what happened. "First the signal shakes Louisiana, then ten milliseconds later it shakes up Washington," University of Waterloo physicist Dr. Robert Mann told Metro. "And that is exactly how long it should take a gravity wave to go through the earth."

3

**ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE — SORT OF**
In ordinary life, it's helpful to think of time and space as constant and unchanging — as if, in the words of physicist Robert Mann, we all live and move around on a stage made of iron. But in reality, the stage is made of something like jelly. When a really massive object — like a black hole — steps onto the stage, the jelly sinks and bounces. Time can slow down or speed up. Space can expand or contract. And if a big enough shock to the system happens, a wave can ripple through the goo of space time — and that's what we call a gravitational wave.

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**CANADIAN CONNECTION**
The LIGO collaboration included more than 1,000 scientists from 14 countries. Among them: Researchers at the University of Toronto, who performed some of the calculations to verify that LIGO's results were the real deal.

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**A NEW WINDOW INTO THE UNIVERSE**
"The history of astronomy was based on light. We started out with visible light, and then we came up with technology where we could see radio waves, gamma rays, x-rays. Now what we're observing is not just another form of light. It's completely new. Anything that's dark in the universe **could** be revealed to us by gravitational waves. That's the promise this holds."

Dr. Eric Poisson,
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## Will talcum powder give me ovarian cancer?

**QUESTION**
**I read this week that Johnson & Johnson had to pay $72 million to the family of a woman who died of ovarian cancer caused by talcum powder. I'm in my 60s and have used talcum powder for half my life. I'm officially terrified!**
**Sincerely,**
**Sandy in Winnipeg**

**Dear Sandy,**
**The most important thing to know is that it's highly unlikely you'll get ovarian cancer**, whether you use talc or not. About 1.3 per cent of women get ovarian cancer in their lifetimes. The greatest effect any study linking talc use to ovarian cancer showed around a 30 per cent increase in relative risk — meaning talc users would have something like a 1.69 per cent risk of getting ovarian cancer one day.

Johnson & Johnson lost its lawsuit because people in the corporation were told about the link and did not act on it.

But the evidence for the connection is mixed. Unlike smaller, older research papers on this issue, newer studies with larger samples failed to find increased cancer rates among talc users — including women who put baby powder in a *diaphragm* (Ew). I suspect that the link is a hangover from the pre-1970s days when talcum contained asbestos, which does cause cancer.

**Got a burning science question?** Email scene@Metronews.ca

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# STYLISH STARS ARE THEY CUT OUT FOR THESE LOOKS?

Metro's Oscar fashion panel suggests three gowns ahead of Sunday's show. Dress the dolls yourself by clipping them out! NICHOLE JANKOWSKI METRO

## Brie Larson

@JILLIANVIEIRA

**Jillian Vieira is the fashion editor at The Kit, Canada's 360-degree beauty & style leader.**

We've already seen Brie favour sexy cut-outs and slinky silhouettes this awards season. As a serious best actress contender, I'd love for her to have a cool-girl princess moment in a dramatic, tulle-heavy Giambattista Valli.

**@DANIESQUE**

Known to favour feminine silhouettes, Brie could seriously rock a Delpozo dress. She's already proven that she can wear colour — and Delpozo's ability to pair nearly-fluorescent hues with neutrals and pastels is unmatched.

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If I was her stylist I'd try to get her in a Giambattisa Valli frock (think Rihanna at the 2015 Grammys). Since her fellow nominees are known to wear lighter colours, I'd like to see her stand out in a darker hue.

## Lupita Nyong'o

@MICHELLEADDISONSTYLE

**Michelle Addison is one of Vancouver's top stylists. Catch her fashion segments on CTV Morning Live.**

Colour, colour and more colour. Nothing could stop this lady from being the centre of a room. She loves classic cuts and unfussy fashion. I would love to see her in yellow or gold. Oscar de la Renta or Calvin Klein would be good choices for her.

**@JILLIANVIEIRA**

There's very little Lupita can't pull off: flapper dresses, Grecian gowns and a one-piece column dress with cape have all earned her sartorial praise. A couture jumpsuit (à la Dior) would really solidify her Red Carpet Queen status.

**@DANIESQUE**

I'd love to see Lupita in Sid Neigum. While beautiful, her red carpet looks all follow similar silhouettes. Sid is known for dramatic, structured designs. Lupita could definitely pull off one of his runway-ready looks.

## Priyanka Chopra

@DANIESQUE

**Dani Roche is a designer, creative director, and the owner of Kastor & Pollux, a Toronto design and experiences agency.**

Rodarte is known for their fairy-tale-like esthetic, innovative use of materials, and unconventional details — and one of their dreamy dresses would be a great fit for Priyanka, who typically opts for embellished gowns on the red carpet.

**@MICHELLEADDISONSTYLE**

While it's likely Priyanka will choose white to present, I'd like to see her in red or even dusty rose. She should stay away from black and metallics. I would love her to wear American/Indian Designer Naeem Khan or even Dior.

**@JILLIANVIEIRA**

Priyanka has the bold-colour-plus-body-hugging look mastered, which is why I'd like to see her graduate to new textures and fits. A draped, net-like dress (in an uber-flattering metallic finish like at Valentino) would do the trick.

A PERFECT DAY

# Actor Benicio Del Toro tackles tricky role as an aid worker

The last time we saw Benicio Del Toro on screen he was starring in Sicario as a mercenary who collected a handsome paycheque while quenching his thirst for revenge against drug cartel leaders.

He was vicious and malicious, a supreme badass doing the right thing for the completely wrong reason.

That movie's dark and gritty examination of the drug-fuelled Mexico-U.S. border war stands in stark contrast to his new movie, the optimistically titled A Perfect Day. "I do believe there is hope in A Perfect Day," he says. "I agree with you that Sicario is hopeless but in this one there is hope. I was finishing A Perfect Day when I went into Sicario. Perhaps that's one of the reasons Sicario was interesting, because it was the dark side of the coin."

Set in 1990s Balkans, Del Toro plays Mambrú, a misfit aid worker whose team (played by Tim Robbins and Olga Kurylenko among others) begin their day in the former Yugoslavia trying to remove a bloated corpse dumped in a well to contaminate the water.

The task is complicated by United Nations bureaucracy and the lack of a strong enough rope forcing the crew to navigate not only landmine-ridden roads but their own complicated relationships in search of a solution.

Director Fernando León de Aranoa calls Del Toro the centerpiece of the film, adding, "Working with him means working with a creative partner."

"There are some ideas that can come from anywhere that are golden," Del Toro says on improvising on set.

"I would like to say that I wish I could recognize good ideas when they are out there whether they come from another actor or they come from myself.

"If there is a good idea I do believe that if you don't take advantage of it while you are making the film it'll be gone forever. If there is a good idea I am game to explore."

Del Toro, who is currently filming Star Wars: Episode VIII, says the script appealed to him because, it was about, "people trying to do good and just how complicated it can get, but with elements of humour.... It was like a riddle to solve," he says.

"Can the movie balance these two things? I think it does. The darkness of the war and the job with the humour."

More importantly, he met with his character's real-life counterparts.

"I had met some aid workers and I will tell you, they all have a good sense of humour. They tell you some dark stories but they do have a sense of humour.

"It's a way of dealing with the darkness of their experiences and the pain."

RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO

**Benicio Del Toro**
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**THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN**

# The Oscars provide me with an excuse to make an elaborate meal out of snacks, fancy wine and frozen food

THE OSCARS

Right after a commercial break during the Academy Awards in 1987, the camera landed on host Chevy Chase. He was picking his nose. As a 12-year-old, this was the funniest thing I'd ever seen on television. I haven't missed an Oscar ceremony since.

I love them, although not everyone does. "The next morning, we all complain about how boring it was," New York Times film critic A.O. Scott recently wrote. "The morning after that we forget it all until the next year, when the show finds new ways to disappoint us." But Mr. Scott, the disappointments are half the fun! Out of Africa outperforming both Witness and The Color Purple; Chariots of Fire upstaging On Golden Pond; Forest Gump eclipsing Pulp Fiction and The Shawshank Redemption; Birdman over Boyhood; Crash over any other movie ever made! And what about the upsets? Crowd pleasers, like Rocky, beating All the President's Men, Network and Taxi Driver in 1976, and more recently in 2010 The King's Speech reigning over True Grit, Winter's Bone and The Social Network.

This year, however, disappointment lies more with the Academy itself. For the second year in a row they've failed to nominate a minority for best acting, which will undoubtedly provide pointed material for Chris Rock, who will have his second crack at hosting the awards on Sunday night.

The Academy's president promises to fix this by reviewing their recruitment efforts. Meanwhile, a far less meaningful remedy will be provided for those long acceptance speeches by way of a ticker at the bottom of the screen listing thank-yous, saving both time and embarrassment: No longer will an actor risk marital discord — Hillary Swank in 2000, Sean Penn in 2009 (both, coincidentally, divorced) — by forgetting to thank their spouse.

Who knows, maybe this year, the Academy will get it right: "Every once in a while — whether out of honesty, coincidence or a bizarre outbreak of good taste — those pasty old members make a choice that reflects both the state of the art and the reality of the culture," Scott said. "Mostly, though, they manage to stage an elaborate pseudo-event and to bamboozle millions of people into paying attention. In a way, the scandal of this year's nominees confirms what too few of us in our profession are willing to admit: that the Oscars don't matter except insofar as they provide answers to future trivia questions."

Maybe — but they also provide me with an excuse to make an elaborate meal out of snacks, fancy wine and frozen food, which has been my Oscar spread for a decade now: I'm talking crostini topped with charcuterie, cheese, bruschetta-style tomatoes, guacamole, a shrimp ring, plus jalapeño poppers and mozzarella sticks, all washed down with a Nuits-Saint-Georges Burgundy.

There's not really a main course, although the calorie count easily surpasses 2,000. The point is that I can graze during the three-hour ceremony while I'm watching Twitter for fashion analysis, desperately looking for Jack Nicholson's return to the front row, tallying how many Oscars Spotlight picks up and trying to stay awake to see Leo finally get his Academy Award.

**Jessica Allen** is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

## FILM BRIEF

**Gaga to sing her Oscar-nominated song at show**

Lady Gaga, a survivor of sexual assault, says performing Til It Happens to You — her song about sexual abuse on campuses — at Sunday's Academy Awards will feel liberating and emancipating.

Gaga, 29, was sexually assaulted when she was 19. Til It Happens to You, written with Diane Warren and a nominee for best original song, appears in The Hunting Ground, a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses that was directed by Kirby Dick.

The pop star said earning her first Oscar nomination for a song about a serious and heavy topic "makes it extra-special."

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**Lady Gaga.** INVISION/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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# Are the Oscars still relevant?

THE OSCARS

## #OscarsSoWhite reflects Academy Awards' cultural disconnect

**Richard Crouse**
For Metro Canada

A friend is boycotting the Academy Awards because his favourite film of 2015, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, didn't make the Oscar's Best Picture list.

The awards, he says, aren't relevant because they ignore genre movies and in this particular case, have snubbed the most financially successful film of the year. In fact, the old canard that the Academy doesn't honour genre movies with Best Picture nods has been shot down this year with nominations for The Martian and Mad Max: Fury Road.

The Oscar folks also gave The Force Awakens five nominations and in recent years Inception, Avatar, District 9, Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King and Django Unchained have all earned top nods with Avatar and LOTR taking home the gold.

Genre movies do just fine with the Academy. No need for C-3PO to cry little metal tears. To the Academy's credit, not recognizing the year's box office behemoth while giving Room, a modestly grossing movie, Best Picture, Actress, Directing and Adapted Screenplay nods, actually suggests the Academy will not be wowed by wheelbarrows of cash.

Perhaps the truth is that the Oscars, and awards shows in general, are only as relevant as you want them to be. Are they as important as the Republican debates? It's all just show biz, so maybe. Ultimately, unless you're an actor, a director or a shareholder in a nominated film the Oscars are probably not extremely significant to your life. I pay attention to them as a function of my job, and I enjoy them, but this year I'm on board with my friend but for different reasons.

I'm disappointed in Oscar's failure to acknowledge diversity. For the second year in a row all 20 acting nominations went to white actors. To be clear I'm not implying the Academy is overtly racist. There are too many voters for there to be a conspiracy to keep actors of colour out of the headline categories. Have you ever gone to a restaurant with more than 10 people and tried to get everyone to agree on an appetizer for the table? It's nearly impossible. Now imagine trying to arrange collusion between 6,000 members of the Academy. Totally hopeless.

So if it's not a conspiracy why were stellar performances from Creed's Michael B. Jordan, The Hateful Eight's Samuel L. Jackson, Sicario's Benicio Del Toro, Beasts of No Nation's Idris Elba or any of Straight Outta Compton's top line cast not nominated? I think it's a combination of studio decision makers, who tend to be white, male and older coupled with the same demographic of voters at the Academy.

It's a systemic issue being addressed by Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs' effort to mould the Academy's membership to be more in line with the population.

Until the Oscars represent the full width and breadth of the best in Hollywood, regardless of race or gender, they will continue to slide toward irrelevancy. My guess is that the most interesting part of this year's ceremony won't be who wins Best Actor but host Chris Rock's opening monologue, which, if the movie gods prevail, will address the situation in no uncertain terms. It's a speech I'm predicting will be just as entertaining and provocative as any of the nominees, Star Wars: The Force Awakens included.

ACADEMY AWARDS AS LIGHTNING ROD

## Outspoken at the Oscars

This year the #OscarsSoWhite movement made the Academy Awards a lightening rod for debate but the diversity issue is only the latest Oscars controversy.

**1 Marlon Brando**
In 1973 Marlon Brando made headlines when he sent Sacheen Littlefeather to refuse the Best Actor statue for his work in The Godfather. In a prepared statement she said Brando declined the award because of "the treatment of American Indians today by the film industry and on television and in movie reruns." The speech was met with boos and later Clint Eastwood said, "I don't know if I should present this award on behalf of all the cowboys shot in John Ford westerns over the years," as he presented the Best Picture award.

**2 Vanessa Redgrave**
Five years later as the Jewish Defense League burned effigies of pro-Palestinian activist Vanessa Redgrave outside the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion, the Julia actress accepted the Best Actress award inside. Drawing gasps from the audience she said she "refused to be intimidated by the threats of a small bunch of Zionist hoodlums." Later screenwriter Paddy Chayefsky said, "I'm sick and tired of people exploiting the Academy Awards for the propagation of their own personal propaganda," to rapturous applause.

**3 Sarandon and Robbins**
Chayefsky's scolding didn't seem to stick as actors continued to use the Oscar stage as a platform. In 1993 a trifecta of actors made the ceremony the most political ever. Best Film Editing presenters Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins criticized the government for incarcerating 266 HIV virus-infected Haitians in Guantanamo Bay while Richard Gere commented on human rights abuses in China. Show producer Gil Cates was outraged. "Does anyone care about Richard Gere's comments about China?" he said. "It's arrogant."

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## 5 REASONS TO WATCH THE FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS

**Can't get enough of Hollywood's award season? The Film Independent Spirit Awards is just the ticket. The star-studded annual event, now in its 31st year, honours the best achievements in independent film. The ceremony is held in a tent on Santa Monica Beach, with a dollop of Oscar pageantry and a full helping of Golden Globe irreverence. It's a chance to see the industry's top talent chill out, pat each other on the back, and potentially say something they'll regret for a full year. Here are 5 other reasons to tune in:**

**1. The hosts.** What do Kristen Bell, Steve Coogan, John Waters and Seth Rogan have in common? They've all hosted the Spirit Awards. This year, the show boasts Kate McKinnon and Kumail Nanjiani. McKinnon is a current Saturday Night Live cast member, famous for her dead-on impressions (including Justin Bieber!). Her co-host, Nanjiani, is an accomplished stand-up with a growing resume of feature films, including Sex Tape and Hot Tub Time Machine 2.

**2. Behind the scenes bits.** Last year, Fred Armisen's hysterical parody of Birdman saw him bob frantically through the show's backstage on a single-take adventure that led him to find actor Miles Teller pounding a live drum kit — a reference to Teller's Spirit-nominated film Whiplash.

**3. Sauciness in the spotlight.** Nothing says "unceremonious" like the promotional-size bottles of booze on every table at this gala dinner. This show is the setting for such moments as Michael Moore famously condemning George W. Bush. It's the setting for Jared Leto, accepting the award for Best Supporting Male for Dallas Buyers Club, who thanked everyone from Pink Floyd to the inventor of the zipper.

**4. The unexpected takes centre stage.** Anything can happen. Like the time director Michel Hazanavicius arrived with a full police escort from LAX just in time to receive his Best Director award for The Artist.

**5. A real connection to film.** Sure, it's cool to see everyone from Daniel Radcliffe and Bradley Cooper to Jane Fonda and Bruce Willis breaking bread and chugging drinks together. But it's even cooler to know why they're there. The show helps filmmakers make their movies, it builds an audience for their projects and helps diversify the film industry.

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# Imagine Dragons like you've never seen them

For this concert movie, which opens in theatres March 2, Imagine Dragons took footage from their show in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

INTERVIEW

## In making a concert movie, band looked at the Last Waltz

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

They may be one of today's hottest musical acts but before Imagine Dragons even planned to film a grandiose concert movie, they looked back at a rustic, old classic — The Last Waltz, a cinematic account of aged rockers' The Band's final concert from 1976.

"That's the film that let me understand the tone of all those rock n' rollers the best — seeing them in their element up on stage performing," recalls Dragons drummer Daniel Platzman from New York. "That was something that was really important to me going into this — trying to capture that feeling of the authentic concert-going experience."

Fans can soak up that authentic experience on March 2, when theatres across Canada premiere Imagine Dragons: Smoke + Mirrors Live — a colossal concert movie that features the Las Vegas quartet playing their biggest hits. Making the movie even more unique, the global hitmakers decided to document their show in Canada — specifically, Toronto.

"Everytime we've come to Toronto we've been given an insane welcoming," insists the 29-year-old multi-platinum selling artist. "Even before we were able to play at the Air Canada Centre, we remember playing clubs and everyone's just had a great attitude. So when timing for the film came up, it was the obvious choice."

As the film showcases, there are 15,000 screaming fans in Toronto that adore Imagine Dragons as well. And while many acts might've settled for selling that showpiece on iTunes or other digital formats, Imagine Dragons felt it was crucial to get their show onto the big screen.

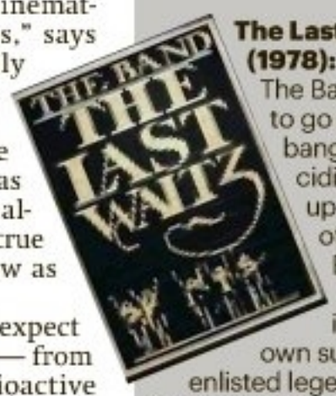
"It was entirely a cinematic event for all of us," says Platzman. "We really wanted to bring that live experience as authentically to people in a movie theatre as we could (and) we're always trying to stay as true to the authentic show as possible."

Music fans should expect their favourite songs — from the band's hits Radioactive and Demons to an inspired take on an old 1984 classic. In fact, Imagine Dragons have covered all the bases, even the one thing all concert movies should have — a bombastic drum solo.

"I agree," Platzman laughs. "More drum solos in general would make the world a better place."

### MOVIES

**Two other must-see concert movies**




**The Last Waltz (1978):** The Band knew how to go out with a bang. After deciding to split up after years of backing up Bob Dylan and finding their own success, they enlisted legend Martin Scorsese to film their farewell concert.

**Woodstock (1970):** The official film of the iconic 1960's music festival, Woodstock features Joe Cocker, Jimi Hendrix and all the musical greats of the era playing to a big mud field full of naked flower children. Truly, a once-in-a-lifetime concert film experience.

**Stop Making Sense (1984):** This groundbreaking film captured 80s stalwarts The Talking Heads at the peak of their career. It captured an electric live show that forever cemented the image of singer David Byrne shuffling around in a giant oversized suit.

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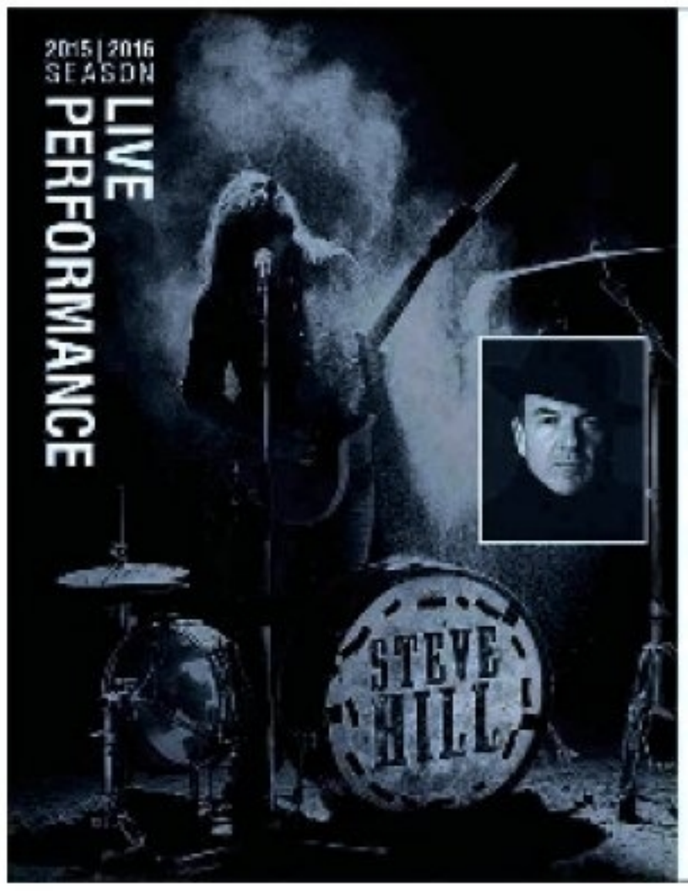


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# We know you've seen this guy before

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## Anthony Mackie: The most famous actor you've never heard of

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Anthony Mackie has played everything from a bomb-defusing soldier in The Hurt Locker to a high-flying Falcon in the Captain America movies. The 37-year-old actor's latest sees him as a crooked cop in the heist thriller Triple 9. We caught up with Mackie to investigate why he's the most famous actor you've never heard of.

**Anthony Mackie stars in Triple 9, which opens this weekend.** CONTRIBUTED

### Police matters

Playing a cop is familiar ground for Mackie having played 1940s gumshoes (Gangster Squad) and FBI agents (Runner, Runner). It's a role the New Orleans native clearly respects.

"Playing a police officer is really interesting to me because there's the code of the shield, it's a fraternity," said Mackie. "That was so important to me with this film — moreso than looking cool in a uniform or driving my car fast — it was showing that responsibility to that badge."

### Mistaken identity

With over 40 films under his belt, Mackie is certainly recognizable — even if it's not always for his own work.

"When The Wire was on TV, the biggest joke was I was the most famous actor on The Wire who was never on The Wire," laughed Mackie about being confused with colleagues. "Now because of the whole Iron Man thing, I get Don Cheadle like once a day!"

### Real fiction

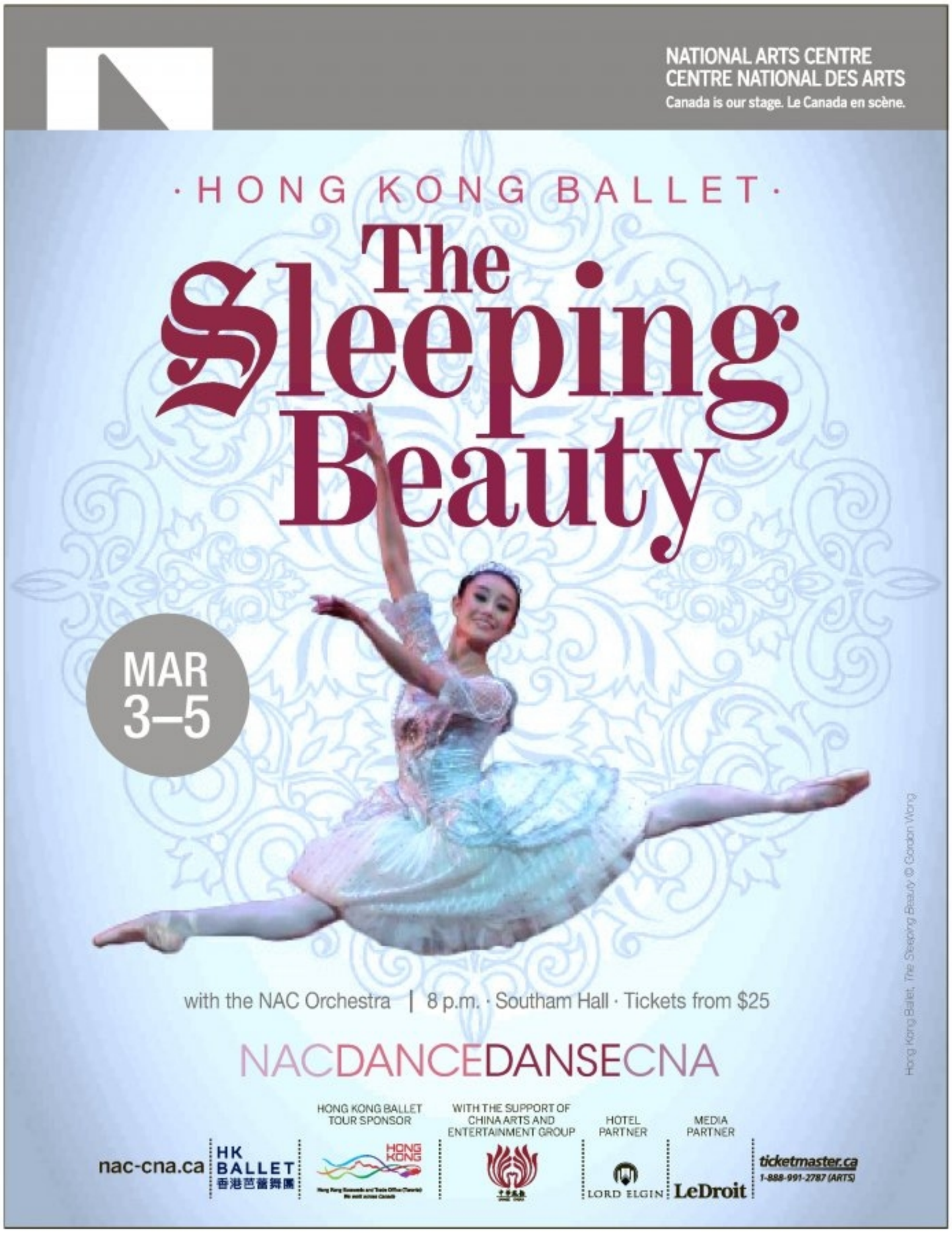
In May, Mackie may be replicating civil rights icon Martin Luther King, Jr. in the HBO adaptation of hit play All the Way but the actor insists he's not intimidated by real-life roles.

"It's all about what the director gives you in the script because if the director writes it from a certain perspective, that character's going to be different than he was in real life," explained Mackie.

"The reality is, I want you to come out of a movie thinking that guy was real and he lived a real life."

### If it ended tomorrow

"I did this football movie which I loved, and I never thought it got the attention it deserves, (called) We Are Marshall," admitted Mackie of the role he wants to be most remembered for. "Call it arrogant or whatever but I was good in that movie!"



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# 5 BEST SPOTS FOR SCUBA DIVING IN CUBA

Over the past 25 years, 80 per cent of the Caribbean's reefs have either died or have severely degraded. However, the lack of economic development and restrictions placed on offshore activities in Cuba, along with a smattering of environmental policies, have saved the coral reefs around the island. Here's five of the best spots. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## 1 Jardines de la Reina

The spectacular Jardines de la Reina is the premier dive destination for the Caribbean. It's enclosed in a marine protected area that's 170 kilometres long and 10 kms wide, and it has the healthiest coral reef ecosystem in the Caribbean. Only 500 scuba divers per year are permitted to dive in this undersea paradise. If you can only go on one dive trip in the Caribbean, this is it.

## 2 Cayo Largo

If you don't want to put any effort in getting to your dive vacation, Cayo Largo is a great option, as there are direct flights from Canada. You will land close to your hotel and the marina. The dive charters run efficiently, and it's a short sail to the dive sites along the nearby barrier reefs.

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## 3 Bay of Pigs

If you're fascinated by Cold War history and wall diving that drops 450 metres into the abyss, then the Bay of Pigs is your place. The best dive sites are only a two-minute swim from shore, and they're located between the towns of Playa Larga and Playa Giron. Home to 17 varieties of flat coral, both hard and soft, the deeper you dive, the wider the coral get.

## 4 Isle of Youth

Punta Frances Marine National Park is tucked away on the remote southwestern tip of the Isle of Youth and formed around a peninsula with protected, white, sun-drenched sandy beaches. The reefs here are in good shape and the fish populations diverse.

## 5 Trinidad de Cuba

Southwest of Trinidad de Cuba, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along a starkly beautiful stretch of coastline, there is an area of wall diving with colourful coral and beautiful fish. The walls are punctuated with meandering canyons in parts, some of which turn into beautiful tunnels with coral-overhang where sharks can be seen.

NIGHTLIFE

# Vancouver raises the bar as a libation destination

On a rainy evening inside an illuminated geodesic dome that adds sparkle to Vancouver's skyline, queues of gussied-up socialites are forming at 25 beverage stations manned by award-winning bartenders.

Patrons of the Science World fundraiser are sipping Mai Tai vapour through straws at one station and shooting glow-in-the-dark gin and tonics at another.

"That's the thing about Vancouver — the culture demands more from bartenders," says Tarquin Melnyk, who runs the bar for Bambudda restaurant.

The inaugural Science of Cocktails charity, which ran in early February with proceeds providing underfunded schools free access to the landmark science centre, is a testament to Vancouver's spirited drinking scene. Organizers easily served up praise that Vancouver may very well be the cocktail capital of Canada.

Jennifer Ingham, vice-president of development with Science World believes the city's reputation for lame and cold nightlife is evaporating: "I think the city is becoming less 'no fun.'" The West Coast metropolis already boasts a renowned panoply of bars and restaurants clustered in distinct neighbourhoods from the swish Gastown to hipster Main Street.

But the city's cocktail resurgence proper started in the mid-2000s, as a small community keen to move beyond pulling pints and slinging highballs began crystallizing, said Trevor Kallies, president of the Canadian Professional Bartenders Association.

"No one asks me what I'm going to do when I grow up anymore. They know I'm still a bartender, they know I love what I do and they know it's working. People are getting it."

A selection of Vancouver's barkeeps have also won international competitions, which translates into "healthy competition" among each other, said Grant Sceney, head bartender at the Fairmont Pacific Rim hotel.

Sceney, who was named the Canadian Bartender of the Year in 2014, attributes his successes to the local industry's collaborative dynamic.

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**Bartender Trevor Kallies prepares a smoked boulevardier cocktail.** DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Tourists welcome here — sort of

PROTECTION

## Some popular destinations put a cap on visits

**Picturesque Cinque Terre is joining places like Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands and Yosemite National Park in looking to limit the number of tourists it takes.** ISTOCK

News that Italy's Cinque Terre is set to implement a ticketing system that limits the number of tourists who visit the area is the latest reminder of the privileges and pitfalls that have come with increasingly accessible airfares and mass tourism.

Cinque Terre, located in the Liguria region of Italy, is the latest tourist destination that has been forced to put a cap on tourists in a bid to preserve the integrity of its natural surroundings in the wake of explosive visitor numbers over the last few years.

In 2011, following a torrential rainfall that battered the area, Cinque Terre received 400,000 visitors. That number rebounded to 2.5 million last year, thanks in large part to docking cruise ships which drop off hundreds of thousands of day-tripping visitors in one go.

Last week, a spokesman for the national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site announced that as of this summer, visitors will have to buy an advance ticket online in order to gain access to the cliffside trails which connect the five fishing villages.

The aim is to reduce the number of tourists from 2.5 million a year, to 1.5 million.

Cinque Terre is the latest environmentally sensitive area to bear the brunt of mass tourism with the proliferation of low-budget airlines, behemoth ocean vessels and increasingly mobile tourists.

Here are a few other destinations that have either implemented tourist caps or are considering it.

### Machu Picchu

In a bid to preserve and protect Peru's fabled and ancient, mountaintop ruins, the country has developed a new reconceptualization project that imposes time limits as a means to control crowd flow and requires visitors to hire an official guide for the trail. For years, experts warned that the UNESCO World Heritage Site was at risk of irreversible damage and degradation from unsustainable tourist numbers. If you want to hike to the top, the government now limits access to the classic Inca Trail to 500 permits a day. That includes support staff, such as cooks, porters and guides, further reducing the number to about 200.

### Antarctica

To protect one of the few, final frontiers unspoiled by human activity and tourism, The Antarctic Treaty restricts ships with more than 500 passengers from landing sites. Vessels are also restricted to no more than one landing per site, with a maximum of 100 passengers allowed on shore at a time. A ratio of one guide to 20 passengers must also be maintained while ashore.

### Barcelona

Last summer, Barcelona's newly elected mayor Ada Colau made international headlines after announcing plans to curb explosive tourism numbers by imposing a freeze on the development of new hotels and tourist apartments, and creating a preventative policy pre-empting saturation problems.

### Galapagos Islands

Described as a "living museum and showcase of evolution," the collection of 19 islands which make up the Galapagos Islands groaned under the pressure of unsustainable tourism numbers over the years, putting it on the United Nations' list of endangered heritage sites. Today, a conservation program has successfully helped it make a solid recovery. To visit, tourists must now be accompanied by a licensed Galapagos National Park Guide and abide by strict rules when visiting the area. Camping is also allowed in only a handful of authorized areas, and requires a permit from park officials.

### Yosemite National Park

To protect one of America's most beautiful national treasures, the US National Park Service announced measures to cap visitor numbers to 18,710 a day, and 21,000 visitors a day during peak seasons back in 2014. Yosemite was the fourth most visited national park in the US in 2015, and is best known for its waterfalls, valleys, meadows, ancient sequoias, and vast wilderness. AFP


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### Norwegian to fly New York to Paris nonstop with fares from $175 U.S.

The Norway-based budget airline will start flying a nonstop Paris-New York route with introductory fares starting at $175 US from July 29. Norwegian is also opening Paris-U.S. routes connecting the French capital with Los Angeles and Fort Lauderdale. Although Norwegian is the first carrier to offer such attractive fares between Paris and New York, it isn't the first airline to drive down prices on the popular route. AFP

**Norwegian will start flying a New York-Paris route with fares from $175 U.S.** HANDOUT

### International tourism to B.C. increasing, province says

The British Columbia government says the number of international visitors to the province is increasing and France is in the top spot on a list of seven countries and regions. Almost 360,000 more international visitors came to the province in 2015, with the total number approaching five million. The ministry is crediting its marketing strategy, along with the province's aboriginal tourism sector and more direct flights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**A deer spotted on Grouse mountain in Vancouver.** ISTOCK

### Quebec to spend $36 million on northern wilderness park

The Quebec government says it will spend $36 million to develop Parc national d'Opemican, a 252-square-kilometre tract of lakes, rivers and old pine forests in the Abitibi-Temiscamingue region along the Ontario border. The work, expected to be completed in about three years, will include the creation of a main park hub, Pointe-Opemican, on Lac Temiscamingue.

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**Parc national d'Opemican is getting an upgrade.** ISTOCK

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## Dupont Circle area known for its art, quirky attractions

The National Mall, a look at the White House and cherry blossoms in springtime are all musts for visitors to Washington, D.C.

But once you've got the essentials covered, consider spending a few hours in Dupont Circle, a neighbourhood with gems that range from a popular indie bookstore to a beer brewer's Victorian mansion. The area also includes a gas station on the National Register of Historic Places and the Phillips Collection, a modern art museum.

Take the Metro to the Dupont Circle stop and look for a white marble fountain in a circular plaza. That's the centre of the neighbourhood. Streets extend out from the circle like spokes on a wheel.

### Attractions

The Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St., is probably Dupont Circle's best-known attraction. Through May 8, Seeing Nature offers 39 paintings from five centuries, including Impressionist works and David Hockney's large, colourful 1998 depiction of the Grand Canyon. In the museum's permanent collection, be sure to see Renoir's lively Luncheon of the Boating Party.

The Heurich House Museum, billed as "the brewmaster's castle," is a 31-room home at 1307 New Hampshire Ave., built in the 1890s by Christian Heurich, a German-born beermaker. Heurich was best known for his Senate brand of beer. He survived Prohibition by temporarily turning his beer business into an ice-distribution company, and he was still making beer when he died in 1945 at age 102. The Kennedy Center sits on the land where his factory was located.

Dupont Circle is also home to many embassies. On one block, a white statue of Saraswati, the Hindu goddess of knowledge, graces the Indonesian embassy, while the flag of Portugal flies from the embassy next door.

Two curiosities in the neighbourhood: Spanish Steps, a flight of stone stairs at S Street and 22nd Street named for the famous steps in Rome, and a gas station on the National Register of Historic Sites at 2200 P St. across from Rock Creek Park. The gas station was built in 1936 by Gulf Oil to look more like a bank or library than a filling station. It's a Sunoco station today, with "SNACK SHOP" written on the tidy building that helped earn its historic designation.

### Shopping and dining

Connecticut Avenue has lots of small, fun shops, including for dog owners, The Cheeky Puppy, 1709 Connecticut Ave.; for women's clothing and accessories, lou lou boutiques, a regional chain with stores at 1601 and 1623 Connecticut Ave.; and beads at Beadazzled, 1507 Connecticut.

On the second floor of 1702 Connecticut Ave., the Secondi consignment store sells designer finds, ranging from a DVF wrap dress for $98 to a Chanel coat for more than $1,000. Second Story Books & Antiques, 2000 P St., draws treasure-hunters with its outdoor carts of $4 books, while Kramerbooks & Afterwords Cafe, 1517 Connecticut Ave., draws crowds on weekends for both books and brunch (try the Cubano sandwich and black bean salad).

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**This gas station is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1936 to look more like a bank or library than a filling station.** BETH J. HARPAZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bahrain's Sheikh Salman is considered the favourite amongst five candidates on the ballot for Friday's election for the FIFA presidency

CFL

## Drug violators to face tougher entry

The CFL is making it harder for players who violate anti-doping regulations to enter the league.

The CFL and the CFL Players' Association say they have agreed to implement stricter rules for offending players to be drafted or sign contracts.

A player violating the Canadian Anti-Doping Program or testing positive for a substance banned by the CFL up to 12 months before being draft eligible will be forced to defer his draft status for one year.

A player going through the draft, regardless of whether he's selected or not, who subsequently violates the anti-doping rules will be ineligible to sign a CFL deal for one calendar year from the date of the positive test.

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Last year five players who attended the CFL combine tested positive for banned substances. Three were drafted with linebacker Jonathan Langa appearing in 16 games with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

A player ineligible for the draft, from either the Canadian junior football ranks or an international player from another football league or sport, who violates the rules will be unable to sign a CFL contract for one year from the date of the violation.

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TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

## Alberta clinches top-two seeding

Alberta's Chelsea Carey not only clinched a playoff berth at the Canadian women's curling championship Thursday, she also earned a spot in the playoff game between the top two seeds.

The host province downed Nova Scotia's Jill Brothers 8-2 to get to a record of 8-2. With one game remaining in the preliminary round, Carey's team from Calgary was guaranteed a top-two finish.

Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville was still in the playoff hunt at 6-3 following a 10-3 victory over B.C.'s Karla Thompson. Defending champion Jennifer Jones was 6-2 and Manitoba's Kerri Einarson 5-3 with three games remaining in the round robin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Manitoba's Kerri Einarson was in position to earn one of the four playoff positions. Go to metronews.ca for more coverage.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

**Jets lose captain as Ladd returns to Chicago**

Winnipeg Jets captain Andrew Ladd was traded to the Chicago Blackhawks on Thursday.

Forward Matt Fraser and defenceman Jay Harrison are also being sent to Chicago.

Winnipeg gets forward Marko Dano, the Blackhawks' first-round pick in the 2016 NHL Draft and a conditional pick in 2018. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Teenage rookie leads United into Europa League's last 16**

Teenager Marcus Rashford scored two of Manchester United's four second-half goals in his professional debut in a 5-1 win over FC Midtjylland, sparing the English giant an embarrassing exit from the Europa League on Thursday.

United won 6-3 on aggregate to reach the last 16. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# 'I wouldn't want to pitch against us'

MLB

## Donaldson looks forward to season after busy winter

**Josh Donaldson crushed 41 home runs last season.** RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Josh Donaldson isn't worried about the Toronto Blue Jays' offensive potential this upcoming season.

He just feels sorry for opposing pitchers.

"The fact of the matter is, you have me, then you have Jose Bautista, who hit 40 homers last year ... then Edwin Encarnacion, who's hit over 40, then Russell Martin ... (Chris) Colabello, (Justin) Smoak ... Tulo (Troy Tulowitzki) — I mean, Jesus, it just keeps going," Donaldson said.

"I wouldn't want to pitch against us. There were a lot of guys last year that we faced who were defeated before they even threw the first pitch. And those guys made their exit pretty quick."

Donaldson, the reigning MVP of the American League, reported to Blue Jays camp Thursday after a jam-packed off-season.

He played with PGA Tour star Jason Dufner in the Pebble Beach Pro Am — where he rubbed elbows with singer Justin Timberlake — took a photo of himself with Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton at an Auburn football game (both are Tigers alumni), and even landed a speaking role on an episode of the History Channel's Canadian-Irish drama series Vikings.

"I had a great time," Donaldson said about his acting gig. "Went to Ireland (to film the episode), got to meet a lot of the cast members there, got to dress up and become a Viking. It's something that is kind of still a little bit surreal to me.

"I've never been on a TV show. I never claimed to be an actor. But now I am an actor."

Fresh off avoiding arbitration with a two-year contract worth $28.65 million US, the all-star third baseman is entering his second season with the club.

The differences between this year's camp and spring training last year, he said, are "night and day."

"Last year coming into a new team, a lot of new faces, trying to let everyone get acclimated to me and then really just trying to get to know everybody," Donaldson said. "This year they know who I am, I know most of the faces in there.

"This year (the goal) is trying to get the troops on board early on what the objectives are and I'm looking forward to having another good year."

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### DIRT TALK

Donaldson isn't putting too much emphasis on the new dirt infield being installed at Rogers Centre.

All that matters to the reigning AL MVP is the batter's box.

"I really love playing in the Rogers Centre so the fact of the matter is it's not going to matter if it's an all-dirt infield, grass, whatever," he said.

"As long as I can hit there I'm fine."

**Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada broke his leg when the Dodgers' Chase Utley slid into him.** SEAN M. HAFFEY/GETTY IMAGES

## Rolling blocks banned

Baseball made its call on the Chase Utley slide: out.

Major League Baseball and the players' union have banned rolling blocks to break up potential double plays, hoping to prevent a repeat of the takeout by Utley that broke the leg of New York Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada during last year's playoffs.

Under the change announced Thursday, a runner must attempt a "bona fide slide," defined as making contact with the ground ahead of the base, being in position to and trying to reach the base with a hand or foot, trying to remain on the base after the slide, and sliding within reach of the base without changing his path to initiate contact with a fielder.

An umpire can call both the runner and batter out for a violation. Baserunners may not elevate or kick a leg above the fielder's knee or throw his arm or upper body. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## RECIPE Eggs, Asparagus & Couscous

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This is almost not a recipe at all, which come Friday night is what we all need, right? Tell yourself you're experimenting with one of those trendy grain bowls. Or just sit down and enjoy a speedy dinner.

**Ready in**
Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes
**Serves 4**

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup couscous
- 16 asparagus spears
- 4 eggs (very fresh poach best)
- 2 tsp vinegar
- Parsley or chives, chopped

**Directions**
**1.** Get three pots of water boiling. One with just a bit of water for the asparagus, a very shallow pan for the eggs and 2 cups of salted water in a pot for the couscous.
**2.** Add couscous to boiling water and stir. It will take up a lot of water right away. After a couple minutes, turn off heat and put the lid on the pot. Leave couscous aside to absorb remaining water.
**3.** Now, poach your eggs. Add vinegar to boiling water. Crack eggs into ramekins. Tip the eggs into the simmering water. Turn off heat, cover the pan and leave alone for 5 minutes.
**4.** In your third pot, put trimmed asparagus in boiling water until they're tender — about 3 to 5 minutes. Drain and rinse in cool water to stop them from cooking.
**5.** Spoon couscous onto your plate, lay down four spears of asparagus then scoop eggs out of the water with a slotted spoon and lay on top. Garnish with chives and salt and pepper.

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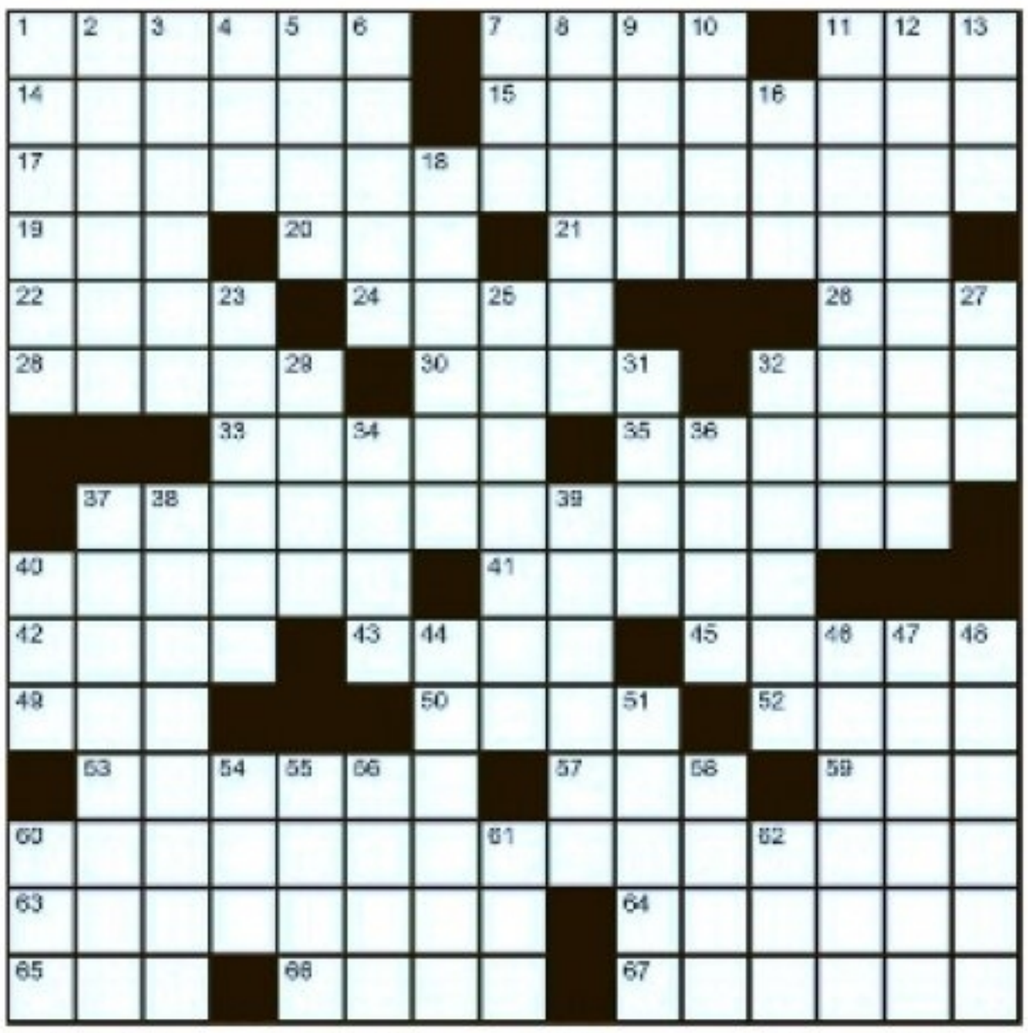
## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. "Mutual of _ Wild Kingdom"
7. Money __ object
11. EMT's skill
14. Backstreet Boys: "All I __ Give"
15. Tofu: 2 wds.
17. Rapunzel and Rumpelstiltskin: 2 wds.
19. Profession, puny-ly
20. Down
21. Magistrates' mallets
22. Mr. LaBeouf
24. Sprint
26. Mag. edition
28. Actress Katherine
30. Volkswagen Karmann _
32. Person of the Arctic
33. "_ Was a Lady" (1945)
35. As per #37-Down, Canadian diamond producer which found the world's second-largest gem quality diamond in November of 2015
37. Extra extras are needed on a movie set for one: 3 wds.
40. Piano piece
41. English slammers
42. Web address starter
43. "House" role, Dr. Chris _
45. French operas composer, Daniel _ (b.1782 - d.1871)
49. "The 18th letter is known _ '_'."
50. Frankenfoods ingredients, commonly
52. Cornmeal bread
53. Outfitted one
57. Craze
59. Post-op locale
60. Though David Weiser designed it in 1964, it only became one of Canada's official symbols in 2011: 3 wds.
63. Cold sufferer
64. 'B.' of Samuel F.B. Morse
65. Meander
66. Pericles, Prince of _
67. Replied positively

**DOWN**
1. "Goodness me.": 2 wds.
2. Montreal 'market'
3. Swedish DJ/producer
4. Tailor's trimmee
5. 24-hr. bankers
6. To date: 2 wds.
7. There: Latin
8. Composer Mr. Rachmaninoff
9. Quebec water brand
10. A-ha's "The Sun Always Shines __ _-_"
11. The world's largest gem quality diamond, found in South Africa in 1905
12. Stress causer
13. Shortened streets
16. Flight simulators co.
18. Leisurely music tempo
23. Multi-married-man/Newest-wife separator: 2 wds.
25. Enjoy a stick of Juicy Fruit: 2 wds.
27. Music style
29. Milky tip to 'ose'
31. Plus
32. Becomes frozen: 2 wds.
34. "Darn it!"
36. Calif. campus
37. Country in Africa where #35-Across' Karowe Mine is located
38. Fearless
39. Lightly remove a stain: 2 wds.
40. _ Na Na
44. Concurring person
46. Boxes: French
47. Box in
48. Met with former classmates
51. Didn't help: 2 wds.
54. Planet Melmac alien
55. Looted, archaically
56. For Better or For Worse mom
58. Challenge
60. Lettered food additive
61. 'Is', plurally
62. CV

## IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
You want to feel that you're doing something useful with your life and with Uranus strong in your sign it's up to you to make that happen. Don't do it alone though, there are others who share your ideals.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Do something that gets you noticed and marks you both as a free thinker and person of action. Don't wait for opportunities to come to you, get out there and grab them yourself.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
If you get the chance to travel today you must take it, even if it means breaking other plans. People you meet while on the move will bring you luck — and maybe love too!

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
You will have to make a number of quick decisions today. Trust your instincts and they are more likely to be smart decisions. Don't worry if some people make fun of your ideas.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
It may be frustrating that others are putting obstacles in your path but there is no point making a fuss. Just carry on as you are and believe that you will reach your goal when the time is right — and you will.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You could push yourself too hard today and over the weekend and put your wellbeing at risk. A simple rule of thumb: make sure you stay fit and healthy — don't go to extremes.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is virtually nothing you cannot do but that does not mean you are obliged to do everything. Identify the two or three aims, then focus on them to the exclusion of everything else. Success will surely follow.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you rise to the challenges that face you today you'll find ways to overcome. Family ties will work in your favour, so let loved ones know what you need.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Come and go as you please today and over the weekend. Once you get over the fear that others might disapprove of your actions there is nothing that can hold you back.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It feels as if something important is leaving your life but don't worry because something better will replace it. Remember that you deserve the best — because then you will get it.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The Sun left your birth sign a week ago but that does not mean your luck has changed. On the contrary, where money matters are concerned everything seems in order. Put some cash aside for a rainy day.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
Your mind is being overwhelmed by so senseless chatter. Find a quiet place where you can be on your own, a sacred spot where you can get your thoughts together.

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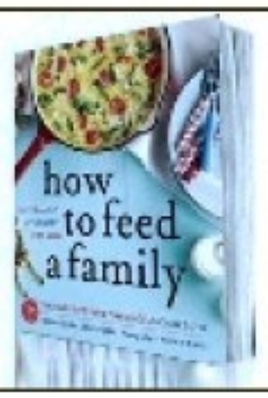


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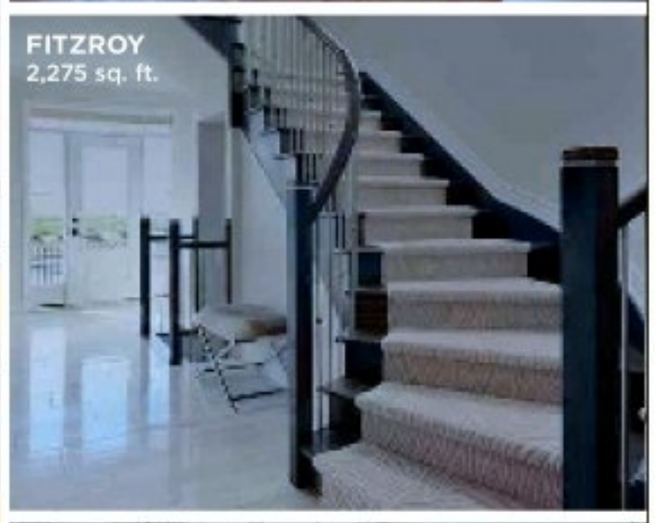

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